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TO: Messrs
FROM:
SUBJECT: Heroin

REMARKS:

The President appears very serious about curtailing the flow of drugs into the country. Last Friday the DCI attended a meeting at the White House on this subject. The two attached documents bear on this problem.

The first is a memorandum from the Director designating of the CI Staff as the Agency's representative on a White House Task Force charged with determining various means for curtailing Heroin smuggling. The second document is a study prepared by State and Justice outlining the sources of Heroin and proposing various diplomatic moves that could be made in the effort to end the traffic.

It would appear that the Agency's main contribution will be in the collection of intelligence, although the Director's memo refers to "harassment" operations in Southeast Asia.

While the ball on this operation is in the DDP court, there probably is a role that could be played by OER, OBGI and OCI. If you agree, I will forward copies of both documents to these offices suggesting they get in touch

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with [redacted] and inform him of their willingness to cooperate.

Yes No

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Deputy Director

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SUBJECT: The Heroin Problem

1. Certain points emerged at a White House meeting on 24 October about the heroin problem:

a) The President has decided to make drugs a matter of foreign policy. (I believe this is the first time an Administration has emphasized this problem to that extent.)

b) This Agency has been asked to contribute to the maximum extent possible on the collection of information related to traffic in opium/heroin.

c) This Agency is to participate in a Task Force which is charged with producing an "action program" designed to stop the import of heroin into the United States. It is clear that if the Agency has facilities to engage in specific actions, these are to be encouraged. It may well be that, particularly in Southeast Asia, we will be able to come up with certain harrassment operations against opium smuggling.

2. For greater detail on the heroin import problem, one should read the Department of State document on this subject dated October 20, 1969. It has been circulated to the above addressees. [redacted]

[redacted] of the CI Staff of the DD/P, has been designated as the Agency representative on the Task Force mentioned in paragraph 1 above.

3. In connection with the foregoing, it is clear that we cannot condone, any more than we have in the past, the use of carriers or facilities under the aegis of this Agency for drug smuggling or traffic of any kind. Any evidence of violation should be brought to the attention of this office immediately. Since Air America and Continental Air Service are operational in areas where opium is grown, we must be particularly careful that none of these employees are guilty of infractions.

Richard Helms
Director